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Burglars broke into the store of Charles Larson Sunday night but failed to take away anything. An entrance was effected by forcing open a rear door, but it is supposed that the

miscreants were frightened away by the approach of some one as nothing in the store was touched.

To close out our last shipment of choice pansies we will sell them at 20 cents a dozen. Next door to Unique. Cut carnations 50 cents a dozen and up.

The game of baseball at Fort Stevens Sunday afternoon between the soldiers of the post and a picked nine of the Astoria Eagles resulted in a score of

8 to 6 in favor of the bluecoats. The game was an exciting one and the large crowd which attended showed much enthusiasm.

Ed. M. Neilson took out first citizen ship papers at the county clerk's office yesterday. He is a native of Norway.

The gentleman who got an umbrella in the north entrance of the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening with initials C. H. P. on handle can effect an exchange by calling at this office.

The funeral of the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. O'Brien was held Sunday afternoon from the family residence in the east end. The services were conducted by Father Waters. The interment was in Greenwood cemetery.

J. Hal Stahl, who has been confined to his room in St. Mary's hospital for the past week, was able to take a short walk out of doors yesterday and will be able to resume his "sit" at the Merchant in the Astorian office within a day or two.

A union meeting of the down town churches was held on Sunday evening in the Presbyterian church, and was addressed by Rev. J. H. Leiper, secretary of the Northwest Sabbath Observance Association, who delivered a logical and earnest address to a large audience on the subject of Sabbath observance.

The mill to be operated in the west end of the city by the Astoria Lumber Company will be in operation in about six weeks. Already most of the machinery is on hand, last week the boilers were placed and the smokestacks have been raised. The new mill will be an important acquisition to the industrial life of the section most vitally interested and the residents there anticipate that the operation of the plant will mean much to them.

A daughter was born yesterday to the wife of Chin Ye Sing, the Chinese tailor on Commercial street. According to Chinese custom a celebration will be held this evening in honor of the new arrival. Mr. Chin is one of the best known and the most popular Chinese business men in the city. His two little boys and little daughter are regular attendants at the public schools and are noted for the rapid progress they make in their studies.

Fred Muller of this city and Tom Reilly, a Lewiston man, met at Lewiston last night in a fight scheduled for 20 rounds. At the end of the fifth Mr. Muller was practically out of business so the decision was given to the other fellow. Muller was nowhere during the fight, his opponent putting it all over him with perfect ease. Up to date the Astoria man has made a poor showing, so the bout he has suggested with Gans, the fierce fighting negro, is farther off than ever.

A force of men was put to work yesterday cleaning out the city reservoirs. The water was turned off Sunday and the supply on hand was allowed to escape. An interesting circumstance in connection with the work being done are the observations being made by the fish warden's department relative to the experiment to ascertain if salmon will develop in the fresh water. It was found upon investigation yesterday that salmon placed in the reservoir two years ago have attained a growth of only 12 or 14 inches, which would indicate that their growth has been stunted. A large number of trout were found to be in a thriving condition, and a peculiar red rimmed head fish known as the ballood, was noticed. The trout doubtless come from the headwaters, being carried through the pipes. The clay at the bottom of the big reservoir was found about a foot thick, while on the sides the thickness was about two inches. The work of cleaning will be completed today.

All those who are going to take part in the production of the sacred opera "Belshazzar" are requested to meet at the opera house at 7.30 o'clock tomorrow evening at which time the first rehearsal will be held. It was the intention of the ladies who have the matter in hand to hold a rehearsal last evening at the Episcopal church but as Director Robinson did not reach the city this plan fell through. Mr. Robinson was detained at Aber-

deen where he has been putting on the piece soon to be put on there. The performance proved such a popular one that a second night of it was demanded and allowed. The library ladies intend that the forthcoming production of "Belshazzar" shall be the very best show of the kind ever given in the city. Already many have signified their intention of taking part in the opera, so it is not anticipated that there will be dearth of singers. At the practice tomorrow evening a good attendance is urged.

The Clatsop county teachers institute will be held in this city on April 27, 28 and 29. City superintendent Clark will preside at the sessions in the absence of County Superintendent Lyman. There will be an unusual strong teaching force in attendance and the meetings are expected to be of much value to those who attend. Besides all the teachers in the county, leading educators from over the state will be present. Among the latter will be State Superintendent Ackerman. The program will be made out and printed the latter part of this week when a more definite announcement concerning the work to be undertaken will be made.

By virtue of being the lowest bidder Portland is entitled to furnish Uncle Sam with 2546 tons of oats. Bids open Saturday at Seattle, San Francisco and Portland for the grain show the figures tendered by W. J. Burns which were \$1.34 1/4 per 100 for 250 tons of white oats, or \$26.80 a ton, are lower than those received from either Seattle, Tacoma or San Francisco dealers. Prices on bay at the Bay City are slightly under those of Portland, but when it is taken into consideration, as was the case when the last bids were called for, the superior quality of the Webfoot grass, makes it a less expensive article to the government, the inducements are on Portland's side. Puget Sound hay is even less than the California product, and it is said to be of purer grade correspondingly.

At a meeting of the committee of ten last evening it was decided that a meeting of the owners of tide washed lands along the city's front would be held as soon as the definite views of the heaviest property owners could be secured. It developed at last night's meeting that fully 58 per cent of the property holders have been heard from, and that only a small number, possibly 6 per cent, are opposed to the plan. While this opposition seems to be emphatic the reasons for it are clearer to the opposers than to the committee. The objections will doubtless be made clear at the forthcoming meeting at which time effort will be made to bring into line the would-be obstructionists. The objection shown thus far in no wise daunts the committee, the members of which will redouble their efforts from now on to return a favorable report.

Speculating in salmon is beset with some chances, whatever the nature of the transaction. This was demonstrated Saturday morning by the arrival at Portland of a carload of fresh salmon sent from the Sacramento river, which should have arrived Thursday morning instead. The open season on salmon comes a few days earlier in California than in Oregon, and an enterprising broker saw a golden opportunity to profit by the fondness of the webfoot population for the popular inhabitant of river waters at this season. Yesterday the season opened on the lower Columbia and consignments of the royal chinook arrived in market simultaneously with the coming of the Sacramento members of the piscatorial family, but not of such dignified descent. Needless to say there was concern about the contents of that car, and it is difficult to say whether railroad officials or consignee were most interested.

The season for the gathering of chittim bark is now in full blast, and the coast woods where it abounds is being searched thoroughly by many men, women and children. The bark is found in many sections of the states of Oregon and Washington, but it is not so plentiful as several years ago. It is not found elsewhere in the United States. This year the opening prices on the bark ranges from 3 to 6 cents a pound wholesale, and not prepared for the drug trade. At present there is hardly any demand at all, and gatherers would only be able to obtain about the lowest price if they wanted to sell on an unwilling market. The opening price on chittim bark last year was even below this year's figures, but an enormous shortage in the supply of the world caused the quotations to go up around the 20-cent mark. At this high figure there were several small fortunes made by the gatherers and speculators during the former year. The bark is used in the manufacture of pills and cathartics.

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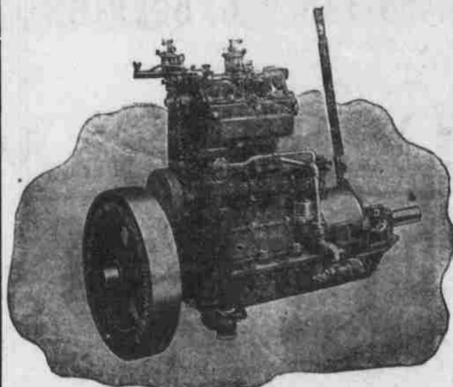
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